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Children's hospital launches appeal on its 10th anniversary

A DECADE ago Oxford Children's Hospital opened its doors for the first time, largely thanks to the generosity of people across the county.

As the hospital in Oxford celebrates its 10th anniversary, it has once again called upon the community to raise vital funds to support children and families. The Oxford Children's Hospital 10th Anniversary Appeal – launched this week – aims to raise £2m for a new 62-bedroom Ronald McDonald House for parents to stay close to their poorly children and other vital equipment.

Plans for the facility – to add to the current 17-bedrooms – were approved in July last year and the four-storey building will have 248 beds. Inside the hospital, bedside monitors for every child to constantly check heart rate, blood pressure and temperature could also be bought through the appeal as well as a new outdoor play area.

Eleanor Jones, head of fundraising at Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Charitable Funds, said: "We simply wouldn't have this wonderful facility without the support that came from the local and wider community."

To donate you can go to ourchildrenshospital.co.uk or text CHOX10 with the amount £5 to 70070.

HELP RAISE £2M TO SAY THANKS

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INSPIRING tales of fundraising have already begun across the county as the £2m appeal for Oxford Children's Hospital's gets under way.

In September, Alan Moulder was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma, a cancer which affects the immune system.

The four-year-old returned to Close Day Nursery in Banbury this week for the first time since his diagnosis and was a 'little nervous' about his first day back.

But he arrived to find his friends, their families and staff at the nursery had raised nearly £4,000 for Oxford Children's Hospital.

His mum Angela said: "It was Alan's first time back in nursery since his treatment started – he was a little nervous at first but he seems really happy now and it's lovely to see him playing again.

"The whole experience has been a real eye opener for us and we have been astounded by everything the hospital and our local community has done for us since he was diagnosed with cancer.

"We can never pay it all back, but from now on we will always try.

"We have a team for the OX5 Run and will continue raising as much as we can to help other families."

The 41-year-old's attitude towards fundraising is shared by many parents who have used the hospital – the care their children receives sparks in them an unrelenting ambition to give something back.

This initiative quickly spread to Alan's nursery, which held a sponsored keep fit and fancy dress week to raise funds for Kamran's Ward, where he was staying.

The Banbury branch of DHL then matched a parent's sponsorship, the nursery owners chipped in £500 and the grand total reached £3,700.

Alan Mouler, four, and his mum Angela

Nursery manager Lorraine Wetherill said: "We have known Alan since he was a baby as his older brother attended before and Alan has been with us since he was two. We were all very upset to hear about his condition and prognosis.

"We wanted to do something to show our support for him and his family as his parents spoke so highly of the treatment he received and the warmth of the staff on Kamran's Ward."

Sarah Vaccari, from the hospital charity, said: "This is such an impressive sum to raise and we are incredibly grateful to all the staff and families at the Close Day Nursery School for putting so much effort into their fundraising. When your child is very poorly friends and family often don't know how they can help – but this wonderful community-spirited support really shows how much everyone cares about Alan and his family."

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Fall death was an accident

THE death of a 55-year-old man found at his friend's home in Banbury was an accident, a coroner has ruled.

Oxfordshire Coroner's Court heard that Mark Silver, of St Leonard's Close, Banbury, was found dead at the bottom of the stairs at a friend's home in nearby Causeway on May 26.

Police initially launched a murder investigation and questioned a 63-year-old man, but the case was dropped and the incident ruled as having no suspicious circumstances the next day.

Oxfordshire coroner Darren Salter said: "It was an accidental death and fall and there is no evidence of anything suspicious despite initial concerns because of the scene."

The court heard a friend found Mr Silver at the bottom of the stairs and went to a local bus station to ask for help. He then returned to sit outside the house to wait for the emergency services. A neighbour found him and was told Mr Silver was inside the house injured.

Mr Salter added that Mr Silver had a history of falls and alcohol dependency and was more than three times the legal drink-drive limit at the time of his death.

In a statement, his niece Stephanie Silver said: "He was a living rough in Banbury a while ago but got set up in a bedsit then his bungalow. He had two sons who live down south but they would talk every Sunday. He was a happy man and would help anyone."

Mr Silver died of multiple injuries including a head trauma as a result of an accidental fall.

Campaigners unimpressed as NHS shake-up unveiled

OCCG says changes will boost day services locally and add a diagnostic unit

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THE full extent of plans to radically alter the landscape of the NHS in North Oxfordshire was revealed last week.

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group unveiled a series of proposals that make up phase one of its "Big Consultation".

They include closure of 200 acute beds in the county's hospitals, the centralisation of stroke and critical care and a shake-up of services at Horton General Hospital, with a permanent downgrade of the maternity unit on the cards and its special care baby unit to be moved to Oxford.

David Smith, chief executive of OCCG, said: "In the first phase, the key driver is clinical safety. The NHS does have to make savings, and some will come through being more efficient, but it's also about how we provide services in different ways."

Plans put forward by OCCG constitute the local arm of a broader "sustainability and transformation plan" being developed for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West for NHS England to streamline the health service and avoid an overall deficit of £587m by 2020.

Keep the Horton General campaigner Keith Strangwood joined others who travelled to Oxford to distribute leaflets and speak to shoppers in November

Phase one focuses on the long-term future of the Horton and services in North Oxfordshire as well as a paring-back of acute beds.

OCCG says changes at the Horton will make it "fit for the 21st century", increasing the number of outpatient appointments by 60,000 a year and creating a new diagnostic unit with MRI and CT scanners and ultrasound equipment.

The hospital could also provide more chemotherapy, renal dialysis and day case surgery to halt the need for so many people to travel from Banbury to Oxford's hospitals.

Mr Smith said: "There are people living in North Oxfordshire who travel to Oxford for routine appointments. These services could be provided much more locally, at the Horton. Given concern about travel times and parking at the JR (John Radcliffe Hospital) it would relieve substantial pressure."

At the same time, however, long-fought-for maternity services at the Horton are set to be downgraded.

The only two proposals put forward by the CCG include retaining the current midwife-led unit (MLU) and moving the special care baby unit to Oxford.

The hospital is set to retain its six-bed critical care unit (CCU), which last year cared for 488 patients, but 40 of the most serious cases a year could be moved to the JR.

People who suffer an acute stroke will also have to travel to Oxford.

Keith Strangwood, chair of the Keep the Horton General campaign, said: "We need to boost outpatient appointments but it can't be at the cost of consultant services.

"If we lose maternity, it will be the domino that takes away anaesthesia as the Horton will lose training accreditation, and then A&E goes.

"'Patient safety' is nonsense. Someone's life shouldn't be dictated by a 24-mile car journey to the JR. It is downgrading and this isn't a consultation, it's a sham."

Banbury MP Victoria Prentis said she was "extremely disappointed" the consultation had been split and was "genuinely worried" people would not understand its content: "It is almost impossible for people to express their views on what is being proposed when we have no idea what will be proposed in phase two."

Public events are being held in Banbury tonight and on Thursday, March 16. Details from OCCG on request. Visit tinyurl.com/js62etl

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Mum of man who took own life in call for more support

Popular YouTube personality and dad-of-three had been dealing with spiralling debts

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THE parents of an aspiring video games writer and popular YouTube personality who took his own life have said more support is needed for young men who are depressed.

Adam Standing, 38, was found hanged in a wooded area near his home in Upper Tadmarton, Banbury, on September 30 last year.

The father-of-three and YouTube personality had kept financial issues from his family and may have struggled with depression.

Last week at Oxford Coroner's Court, assistant coroner Nicholas Graham recorded a verdict of suicide.

Mother Alison Standing said: "We had a thanksgiving service for his life. We had people coming who hardly knew him. I don't know if he fully realised how many people got enjoyment from his videos, or indeed knowing him."

At the time of his death Mr Standing was living with his partner of 11 years, Carrie Waldron, and three sons.

Three years ago he began trying to pursue his dream of becoming a freelance writer.

In a statement read by the coroner, Ms Waldron described him as a "quiet person", adding: "Ever since having children life had become stressful.

"He went through a rough patch and I was finding it difficult to live with him. I remember him saying, 'I feel like walking out the door and not coming back'."

Mr Standing was also a 'reactor' on YouTube with 9,958 followers, posting videos of his reactions to TV programmes such as *Game of Thrones* and *The Walking Dead,* and video games.

On the night of Sunday, September 25, Ms Waldron recalled drinking and laughing with Mr Standing over an episode of *It'll Be Alright on the Night.*

But the next morning he had disappeared, leaving a typed will and a note, in which, she said: "He talked about how he wanted us to forget him and find happiness".

After a frantic five-day search in which the Thames Valley Police appeal was shared by YouTube fans across the UK and America, Mr Standing was found hanged from a tree in woods off Shutford Road next to his laptop.

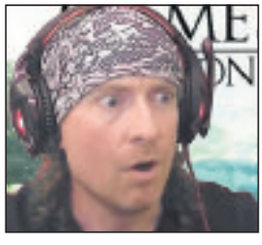
It emerged that he had been secretly dealing with spiralling debts, with 10 different credit cards from seven different companies and £13,000 owed to Barclays alone.

Mrs Standing said: "We were amazed at how much he had managed to borrow.

"If he had spoken to someone it would have helped.

"He was so good with the family and with the boys, very gentle and very patient. But we had been concerned.

"The number of young men who do this is rising. It seems to be a reflection of modern society and we need to do something."



Adam Standing, 38, who died last year in a wooded area near his home; below, Adam Standing 'reacts' to videos on his YouTube channel, where he was known as Redbeard

Geeks take over

A COSTUMED celebration of geek culture will take over the town this weekend with the return of the Banbury Comic, Film and TV Convention.

The festival on Saturday will see actors and authors from science fiction and fantasy, including members of the *Game of Thrones* cast, as well as fans from across Oxfordshire converging on the GF Social Club in Spiceball Park Road for a series of themed talks, games, competitions and attractions.

It has been organised by Glyn Smith, the owner of Banbury shop Comic Connections.

The event begins at 10am. Tickets are £8 from the Parsons Street store or on the door. For more information visit tinyurl.com/zfoedmd

Head-on crash

A DRIVER was freed from a car after a head-on crash with a pick-up lorry on a country road.

The roof of the vehicle had to be cut off by fire crews on Friday morning between Swalcliffe and Sibford Ferris.

Although the cause of the crash has not yet been established, Banbury Fire Station manager Steve Anderson said it happened in "frosty conditions".

The driver was taken to hospital but their injuries are not thought to be life-threatening.

Parking deadline

THERE is just one week left for shoppers to enjoy free parking across North Oxfordshire.

Cherwell District Council has been offering free car parking after 3pm for the month of January to encourage shoppers in town centres in Bicester and Banbury.

The free parking will stop on Tuesday, January 31, and normal charges will be brought back into force.

'Innovative' firm praised by minister

A MANUFACTURING company received high praise from the International Trade Secretary when he visited its Banbury factory on Monday.

Liam Fox toured engineering and technology firm Prodrive, best known for designing and building competition cars.

The MP and Secretary of State was taken on a guided tour of the premises in Chalker Way to see first-hand how the firm makes parts for race and rally cars for clients including Jaguar Land Rover, Volvo and McLaren using traditional metalworking techniques.

The visit followed the launch of the Government's Industrial Strategy green paper, which aims to encourage trade and inward investment policy in the UK.

Dr Fox said: "Trade and investment is a vital part of building an economy that works for all, creating jobs and transforming local communities and industry.

"Across the UK we're pioneering a whole host of new technologies, working with industry and universities to ensure Britain remains the location of choice for many sectors such as the next-generation automotive industry.

Liam Fox gets a tour of the Prodrive factory

"Prodrive is a fantastic example of innovative British automotive engineering at its best and a great illustration of how we can and should be exporting our world class expertise to benefit our economy."

The Government's ten-point strategy for trade and investment includes attempts to build new trading partnerships as Britain leaves the EU and efforts to make government trade services easier to use for firms looking to boost their exports.

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Shopping centre extension plans to be submitted

THE long-awaited proposed extension to Banbury's Castle Quay shopping centre has been unveiled and a full planning application will be submitted soon.

Owner Aberdeen Asset Management has announced that plans for 'CQ2' will be in the hands of Cherwell District Council by the end of January.

It brings to an end a lengthy period of speculation around the project after plans to develop around the Oxford Canal were first unveiled to the public in 2013.

Fund manager Cameron Murray said: "Over recent years it's become clear that shoppers are increasingly favouring locations which offer a combination of shops and leisure outlets such as restaurants, bars and entertainment.

"We've spent the past four years working on CQ2 with this in mind, developing a dynamic environment that appeals to the modern shopper, offers a wide range of entertainment options and encourages more people to come to Banbury."

If approved, the site will boast a 1,300-seat eight-screen cinema, six new restaurants and a cafe as well as a 117-room business hotel and just one new shop, a food retailer.

A series of what the firm calls 'high-profile' businesses are in the final stages of signing their tenancy agreements and will be formally announced next month.

Opening hours will also be extended, with the centre set to remain open until after midnight to allow cinema-goers to walk through Castle Quay on their way home.

Mr Murray added: "We're thrilled that our plans are finally coming to fruition."

The CQ2 team said it hoped for the 'full approval' of the district council by the end of the spring, with a view to the development being fully open by Christmas 2018.

Super council plan 'not based on accurate data'

From left, Richard Webber, Liz Brighouse and Ian Hudspeth at the launch of the One Oxfordshire bid; inset, Barry Wood, leader of Cherwell District Council

District chief talks of the 'dangers' of county's bid to merge six authorities

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A SUPER council could replace the county's six biggest local authorities and save £400,000 a week, it was claimed last week.

The merger would reduce costs by £100m over five years and make services better and simpler, Oxfordshire County Council says.

But the leader of Cherwell District Council, Barry Wood, said the plans were not based on accurate information.

Publishing its detailed plans for the first time, the county council has asked people for their views before it submits a case to the Government.

Bosses claim money being 'wasted' on having six councils could pay for 5,700 potholes to be filled a week, or almost 20,000 hours of home care. And they said the new council would have the option of reversing controversial cuts made to services like children's centres and daytime centres.

But it would mean abolishing the county council, Oxford City Council, West Oxfordshire District Council, Cherwell District Council, South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council – and up to 180 councillors and 400 staff losing their jobs.

Speaking about the proposals, published last Thursday, Mr Wood said: "The proposals put forward by Oxfordshire County Council are based upon sweeping and inaccurate information which already demonstrates the dangers of trying to apply one basic model across a varied demographic area.

"The county council makes reference to reducing services in order to make savings; at Cherwell we have protected all of our frontline services by adopting joint working and identifying opportunities for income generation through commercialisation. Unlike the county council, we have not increased our share of council tax for seven years and still no services have been cut here."

Announcing the proposal, county council Conservative leader Ian Hudspeth described the opportunity as being 'once in a generation'. He said: "We should be spending our money on improving services, not running councils.

"This is a once in a generation chance to improve local government in Oxfordshire and deliver better services for residents.

"What we have here are draft proposals and we want to work with all our partners – that is residents, businesses and councils – to find out their views."

The new council would take over responsibilities for services currently split between district and county level, including rubbish collection, roads, council housing, planning, leisure centres and social care. It would have between 100 and 125 councillors representing people across the county – down from 282 across all the authorities now – and those from the city and four rural districts would be grouped into 'area boards'.

The proposals say the boards would have powers to raise their own local precept on top of council tax, as well as control over most planning applications – with the exception of developments of 200 homes or more.

Cost savings would come from the lower number of councillors, reducing office space, cutting senior management posts, and combining back-office systems and district services.

Mr Hudspeth said the merger would help protect services from further government funding cuts. And he added: "Ending the inefficiency of running six councils would save £100m over the first five years."

He was backed by the leaders of rival county council political groups Labour and the Liberal Democrats, who said a single council would be able to run services in a more 'joined-up' way.

According to the county council, the super-council bid is "separate" to plans for an elected mayor and devolution deal in Oxfordshire. But it argues a mayor could lead the new council if the post was a key condition for major funding from the Government.

The bid for a single, unitary authority comes after two separate reports commissioned by Oxfordshire's councils – costing taxpayers £200,000 in total – found the change could save tens of millions of pounds.

A similar bid has been submitted in Buckinghamshire and officials are watching closely, with some seeing it as a test case.

The council has asked for people to give their views before a meeting on March 14. To comment, visit oneoxfordshire.org or visit your local library.

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‘You take a life – you get life’

Drink-driver victim’s family back campaign for tougher sentences to be handed out

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Katie Major, right, pictured with her late mum Claire Caldwell. Mrs Caldwell, below right, and drink-driver David Farnell, right

A WOMAN whose mother was killed by a drink-driver has backed a campaign for tougher sentences.

Katie Major said her family were left stunned after the man who killed their mother Claire Caldwell was jailed for five years and banned from driving for the same amount of time.

She said: “I don’t think it’s enough justice for someone who took my mum’s life. I think the rule should be, ‘You take a life – you get life’.

“Only that will make people really think about drink-driving and make an example of drivers that do it.”

The 26-year-old has joined the Drive for Justice launched by the *Banbury Cake’s* sister paper the *Oxford Mail* for killer drivers to face the same sentence as any other killer – possible life imprisonment.

And there is just a week left to tell the Ministry of Justice what you think.

Mrs Caldwell, 43, was being driven in her own car by 28-year-old David Farnell when he smashed it into a tree on a country lane in Sutton Courtenay in July 2015.

The woman, who lived in Fyfield Wick, near Southmoor, was declared dead at the scene, while Farnell, of Stone Court, Banbury, was cut out of the wreckage and saved.

He admitted causing death by careless driving while drunk and causing death while driving without insurance and was sentenced in March 2016.

Miss Major, who now lives in Maidenhead with her partner James Mills, said: “He killed someone: he took the life of someone who was held dear by their family.

“He also got a driving ban for five years which means he’ll be able to go back on the road: David Farnell should never be allowed to go back on the road.”

The family are originally from Wantage, and Miss Major and her four brothers and sisters all went to King Alfred’s School in the town.

They moved to the caravan site in Fyfield Wick in 2012 – Mrs Caldwell, her husband Thomas and their five children.

Mrs Caldwell then got to know fairground worker David Farnell and the court was told she was like a “mother figure” to him.

On the day she died, Farnell told Oxford Crown Court they went out to lunch, then he drove her home in her Mitsubishi L200. Blood tests later revealed he had 136mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood: more than 50 per cent above the legal limit of 80mg.

Miss Major said: “We’re never going to get our mum back but tougher sentences would reduce the risk of other families like mine going through the heartache we are going through.”

She was speaking out a month after the *Oxford Mail* launched its Drive for Justice campaign calling for tougher sentences for killer drivers.

The Ministry of Justice is running a consultation on whether sentencing for death by dangerous driving or when under the influence of drink and drugs should be brought in line with manslaughter, increasing the maximum sentence from 14 years to life.

Five of Oxfordshire’s six MPs (excluding Henley MP John Howell) have backed our campaign, as have three local families who lost loved ones in avoidable accidents.

Malcolm Ruecroft, whose brother Graham was mown down by drunk Maria Sutton as he cycled home in Cholsey, said it was “baffling” that a crime which was essentially manslaughter was not treated as such.

Sutton, who admitted causing death by careless driving while drunk, was jailed for four years and three months.

Mr Ruecroft urged people to respond to the MoJ consultation with their views. He said: “It’s not fair: the sentence has to fit the crime. If Maria Sutton had stopped her car, got out and hit my brother with a baseball bat and killed him, she would have been convicted of manslaughter, but instead she got four years.”

Paul and Maureen Baker, from Witney, lost their 14-year-old daughter Liberty in 2014. Robert Blackwell, who was 19 at the time, admitted causing death by dangerous driving and was jailed for four years.

Nicci Saunders lost her firefighter partner Joe Wilkins in 2012, and Paul Brown was later sentenced to 240 hours’ unpaid work and banned from driving for 12 months after admitting causing death by careless driving.

Ms Saunders said dangerous and drunk drivers should face the same life sentences as victims’ families.

A Ministry of Justice spokesman said: “We are determined to make sure those who kill while driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs face the full force of the law.

“That is why we are consulting on plans that will see the maximum sentence in this area increase from 14 years to life.”

New, tougher rules could also apply to drivers who cause death while using a mobile phone.

New figures released by the National Police Chiefs Council reveal that a nationwide operation in November caught 8,000 mobile phone offences behind the wheel in just one week.

The MOJ consultation runs until February 1. Respond at consult.justice.gov.uk or call 07580 701239.

CONSULTATION

READERS have just one week left to respond to the Ministry of Justice consultation:

- Increasing the maximum sentence for causing death by dangerous driving from 14 years to life
- Increasing the maximum sentence for causing death by careless driving whilst under the influence of drink or drugs from 14 years to life
- Creating a new offence of causing serious injury by careless driving, with a maximum sentence of three years
- Increasing minimum driving bans for those convicted of causing death
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Hospice given £1,000 boost from cab firm

THE longest-running taxi service in Banbury has handed over a grand total of £1,000 to a local hospice after raising money from its Christmas fares.

Cherwell Cars, which has operated in the area since 1978 and became Banbury's first private hire service in 1982, donated 50p from every peak fare to Katharine House Hospice over the festive holidays.

Operations director Jaz Dhaliwal and other team members dropped in to the Adderbury hospice to hand over the cheque.

He said: "Cherwell Cars was delighted to work with such a great local charity as Katharine House. We enjoyed it so much we have already signed up for next year."

Katharine House Hospice provides free specialist palliative care for adults with life-limiting conditions across North Oxfordshire.

Cash raised by Cherwell Cars has gone to the hospice's bereavement service, which guides people's loved ones through the aftermath of a death.

Fundraising team member Moira Logie collected the cheque from Mr Dhaliwal. She said: "We're so grateful to everyone at Cherwell Cars for their support over Christmas. The £1,000 they raised could fund our bereavement service for a whole month, helping children, teenagers and adults in our community come to terms with the loss of a loved one. We're looking forward to working with Jaz and his team in the future."

Early years minister Caroline Dinenage meets three-year-old Oscar Hodges in Rose Hill

Minister drops in to give free childcare message

But children's centre campaigner has mixed feelings over new move

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A CHILDREN'S centre campaigner said the Government was "giving with one hand and taking with the other" as it gets set to roll out more free childcare.

Early years minister Caroline Dinenage visited two nurseries in Oxford on Thursday.

She dropped in at the Co-operative Nursery in Rose Hill and the new Old Station Nursery at Oxford Science Park to meet staff and pupils.

From September, working parents of three-year-olds and four-year-olds can get 30 hours free childcare, double the amount currently available.

It comes after the Government announced a record £6bn spend on childcare by 2020, including an additional £1bn on the free hours.

About 390,000 working families will be eligible for 30 hours' free childcare from September.

In most cases, their children are already in existing childcare places, which will become free.

Ms Dinenage said: "Early education is such an important part of making sure all young people are given the tools to achieve their full potential.

"That's why we are supporting working parents of three and four year olds by doubling our free childcare offer from 15 hours per week to 30, backed by our record investment of £6bn per year by 2020.

"For women up and down the country the cost of childcare is one of the biggest obstacles to returning to the market place."

Mother-of-two Jill Huish, 34, from Banbury, gave a mixed response to the news and said it would help her to return to work as a chef.

Ms Huish has been campaigning to save children's centres across the county but 31 out of 44 face the axe due to county council funding cuts.

She said: "This is a welcome investment and will help mums return to work but it does smack of hypocrisy because the Government removed the ring-fencing for children's centre funding – it's giving with one hand and taking with the other.

"If the Conservatives want to invest so much in childcare then why not look again at the funding for children's centres?

"This financial support will lead to an increase in demand for nursery places – the take-up will be greater."

Ms Dinenage added decisions on how children's centres were funded had been "devolved" to the county council.

She added: "I am very keen on children's centres and I know the Government is keen on children's centres.

"We put the decision about how they operate into local areas. We made it clear that the decision about children's centres should not be to the detriment of children and families.

"There is no point in having a lot of buildings if they do not have the services in them."

Referring to the 30 hours' childcare offer being rolled out in September, she added: "Making sure our children learn, develop and flourish at this critical time in their lives is vital – I'm privileged to be meeting so many dedicated early years staff who show such passion for their job around the country.

"The 15 hours a week offer has already made a massive difference to families."

Mum-of-one Irene Blasco, 33, from Cowley, a marketing manager whose son Hugo, seven months, is starting at the Co-operative Nursery next week, said: "Any help with childcare funding can make a big difference to families."

Teresa Palagano, area manager for The Co-operative Child Care in Oxfordshire, said: "This new scheme will help mums get back to work."

Homes development will create 170 jobs

WORK has begun on 85 new homes in Deddington and developers say the project will create 170 jobs in the area.

A mixture of three, four and five-bedroom homes will be built at Deddington Grange, off The Leyes, over the course of this year.

They are aimed at young professional couples and growing families, with some open green spaces and a children's play area also included in plans.

Valerie Martin, sales manager for David Wilson Homes, said: "We're very excited to be starting work at Deddington Grange. The development will begin to take shape over the following months and we are delighted to be adding high-quality homes to this part of Oxfordshire."

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Appeal for help from experts to restore theatre

Members of the steering group outside the building, from left, Rob Kinchin-Smith, Suzette Neptune, Kieron Galliard and John Haywood

A NEWLY-FORMED steering group aiming to restore and revive The Grand Theatre in Banbury has issued a call to arms for experts to help out.

Proposals to demolish all but the front of the historic Broad Street venue and turn it into flats and shops emerged in December and sparked a campaign to save it.

Residents have now formed a fledgling steering group with the intention of restoring the building to its former glory as a living legacy.

In a mission statement, the group said it wants to rejuvenate The Grand and make it once again 'a professionally-run theatre, cinema and performing arts space'.

Members of the steering group include Cherida Plumb, head of development at the Earth Trust in Little Wittenham, local dance school owner Kerry Jay, former Banbury Civic Society chairman Rob Kinchin-Smith and John Haywood, the chairman of the North Oxfordshire Green Party.

People with expertise in a number of areas including architecture and design, arts programming, cinema, IT, building surveying and maintenance, fundraising and HR are sought to help get the project moving, as well as members of the public with an interest in bringing The Grand back to life.

Anyone who would like to be involved is asked to email grandbanbury@gmail.com

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MP FOR NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

Splitting consultation complicates issue

FOR many of us, the biggest local issue is the future of the Horton General Hospital.

I think it is important that, whatever else is done in the name of improvement, we keep Accident & Emergency, maternity and paediatric services in Banbury.

The distance and traffic means that it is just too far to get to the John Radcliffe for these acute services. Even for those in Bicester, it can be quite a journey to the JR.

As you may have heard in the press, last week the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group launched a consultation on Phase One of its Transformation Programme.

I was extremely disappointed that they decided to proceed, particularly as I have made it very clear that I do not support splitting the consultation into two parts.

The consultation is really hard to understand.

I think it is important that, with our growing population, and with older people living longer after retirement, sometimes with complex health needs, that we start to plan for the future.

It is very difficult for us to express our views unless we know the bigger picture.

For example, we simply cannot judge whether the suggested changes to acute stroke care in the Horton are good news when we have no idea what role Bicester Community Hospital (where people may be rehabilitated after a stroke) will have in the future.

Similarly, moving dialysis and chemotherapy services to the Horton – as suggested in Phase One – may well be good news, but not if it jeopardises our A&E and paediatric services on which we will be consulted in Phase Two.

Obstetric maternity services will be consulted on in Phase One, however further consultation on the future of Midwife Led Units (MLUs), including whether we can maintain a unit both in Banbury and Chipping Norton, will make up part of Phase Two.

In my view, this complicates the issues we face regarding maternity services in the north of the county.

Having said this, it is very important that we join in with the consultation and make our views clear.

I have set up a dedicated page on my website www.victoriaprentis.com where there will be a list of Frequently Asked Questions to answer any queries people may have about the changes put forward.

The CCG will be holding two public events in Banbury today and on March 16, and one meeting in Bicester on February 21.

Please do apply for a ticket by sending your name, contact number, and preferred meeting date to cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net

I hope that everyone who wishes to can attend.

> It is very difficult for us to express our views unless we know the bigger picture

Crime figures increase as more people come forward

REPORTED crime is on the rise across Oxfordshire, with the number of sex offences increasing by almost 200 per cent in the past four years.

In total, 509 sex crimes were recorded in September last year, compared to 172 in September 2012.

Figures released by the Office for National Statistics yesterday show the overall number of calls to police in the county hasrisen by about four per cent from September 2015 to the same month last year.

In Oxford, incidents of violent crimes with injury dealt with by Thames Valley Police have increased by 46 per cent over the past four years, along with a 196 per cent increase in reports of sex offences and a 14 per cent increase in shoplifting.

But domestic burglary fell by 41 per cent and criminal damage and arson offences fell by 7.8 per cent.

The upsurge in sex crimes was put down to more victims coming forward to the police.

Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld said the general increase was due to better recording.

Marilyn Hawes, founder and CEO of Enough Abuse UK, said it was important for the Government to invest more cash into Thames Valley Police to make sure the extra caseload could be handled and 'thoroughly' investigated.

A Thames Valley Police spokesman said: "Tackling violent crime, domestic burglary and safeguarding vulnerable adults, children and young people particularly in relation to sexual offences, all remain a priority for the force."

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Sarka Naivertova completes the Three Peaks of Wales challenge ahead of the big climb in Tanzania

Mountain challenge for funds

African adventure for businesswoman to help homeless youngsters

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AN INTREPID businesswoman is preparing to take on the challenge of a lifetime in aid of young people on the streets of Banbury.

Sarka Naivertova is hoping to raise at least £10,000 for the Banbury Young Homelessness Project on a gruelling climb of Mount Kilimanjaro this month.

The ultimate test of endurance, which will see her clamber to 5,895 metres above sea level, begins this Saturday at the foot of the Tanzanian mountain.

Ms Naivertova, who has lived in the UK since 2004 when she moved from the Czech Republic, said: "I have wanted to do something for BYHP since I found out about the charity.

"Not all young people are lucky enough to be able to study, have homes and get moral support.

"These are the most important factors that shape a young person and BYHP is helping them overcome obstacles. That is amazing."

Over the past 12 months Ms Naivertova, managing director at Bloxham Mill-based Distinct Estate Agents, has undertaken regular runs and hiking to prepare.

She also took on the Welsh Three Peaks Challenge and has focused on her diet and mental preparation in the run-up to climbing the highest mountain in Africa.

She said: "The thought of climbing Kili scares me a bit due to the altitude. I know it is going to be difficult.

"I want to climb it because I want to prove to myself that anything is possible as long as we have right mind set and don't give in to the fear."

All funds raised by Ms Naivertova before, during and after the climb will go to BYHP.

The charity supports vulnerable young people in Banbury through housing advice, an employability programme and counselling.

So far a grand total of £3,800 has been raised for the cause with the support of local firms including Bretherton's Solicitors and the Bloxham Mill Business Centre.

For more information or to donate visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SarkaNaivertova

Hospital IT supplier targeted in cyber attack

A COMPANY supplying IT services to county hospitals was hit by a cyber attack, it emerged last week.

The attack last Tuesday did not affect patient information, bosses stressed.

It came after warnings last year by Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld, *pictured*, that tackling cybercrime and fraud in the Thames Valley needed to become a priority.

A statement from Peter Knight, chief information and digital officer at Oxford University Hospitals Trust said: "One of Oxford University Hospital's IT suppliers was targeted in a cyber attack. Upon detection, security was restored.

"No patient information was involved or compromised."

The trust runs the John Radcliffe and Churchill hospitals in Headington, as well as Horton General in Banbury.

Mr Stansfeld called for the Government to fund a national body to tackle cybercrime.

More than 8,600 fraud offences were recorded in the Thames Valley area between October 2015 and September last year – the highest in the south-east.

Britain's most senior police officer, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, has also said the 'warning lights are flashing' over crime as the data laid bare the the scale of fraud and cyber crime across the country.

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‘Winning awards boosts profile of your business’

Winner tells of interest from investors at launch of the county’s competition

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WINNING an award makes a real difference, business people from around the county heard.

At this year’s Oxfordshire Business Awards launch party, past winners told how it boosts trade and impresses clients.

Mike Lawton, chief executive of Harwell-based Oxford Space Systems which makes parts for satellites, said major international investors showed interest when his firm scooped last year’s OBA Innovation gong.

Mr Lawton, who founded his firm three years ago, told an audience at the Oxford Science Park’s Sadler Building: “Last year was the first time we could justify taking a table at the Oxfordshire Business Awards, as it was the first time we had enough people to fill one.

He added: “If you are a start-up firm, winning an award like this is absolutely critical collateral for getting your brand name out there.”

Awards chairman Paul Lowe said preparations were going well for what will be the 23rd year of the event.

Oxfordshire Business Award chairman Paul Lowe at the launch

More than 500 business leaders and staff are expected to attend a glitzy gala evening on June 16, at the Kings Centre in Osney Mead.

Mr Lowe said: “Oxford has some great, innovative world-leading businesses and this is a great way to showcase it.”

Thirteen categories span innovation, charity, start-ups, big business, apprenticeships, marketing and tourism.

Sponsors include *The Oxford Times*, which backs the charity and community award.

Others include law firm Knights, Nat West, Oxfordshire Apprenticeships, recruitment firm Hays, Heart radio, Shaw Gibbs, The Oxford Science Park, electrical contractors Darke & Taylor and Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

New sponsors for this year are Abingdon-based marketing agency The Syndicut and Brita in Bicester, which is backing a new green award.

Henley-based marketing agency Perfectly Pickled is a double winner, having walked away with a top prize in 2013 and again last year.

Director and co-founder Simon Barnett told the audience winning had given his firm confidence when pitching for new work: “We often reference the awards when talking to potential customers and asked clients to come with us to the awards last year.”

Closing date for Oxfordshire Business Awards entries is March 17. For details see oxfordshirebusinessawards.co.uk.

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- The Oxfordshire Apprenticeships Apprenticeship of the Year Award
- The Nat West Large Business Award
- The Syndicut Marketing Excellence Award
- The Heart Cultural Events and Tourism Award
- The Hays Employer of the Year Award
- The Brita Green Award
- The Darke & Taylor Business of the Year Award

Jobs boost for town as firm gets backing

UP to 220 jobs are set to be created in Banbury with the arrival of a health and beauty distributor after plans received backing from Cherwell District Council.

The DCS Group, the distributor behind Gillette, Colgate and Unilever currently based in Stratford-upon-Avon, is to move to the former Hella building in Noral Way.

Planning applications to extend the site, which is three times the size of the former base, have been approved.

Members of the Cherwell-M40 Investment Partnership, including the council, have supported DCS with operational issues and introductions to local business groups.

Company founder Denys Shortt said: “We are very grateful to Cherwell for their help, having found our new site in Banbury.

“They have been very positive regarding the jobs we will bring to the area and were fast responding to any queries we had.”

Lynn Pratt, the council’s lead member for estates and the economy, said: “Banbury is fast becoming a leading centre for distribution.

“Cherwell has resisted pressure to allow housing to be built on the site, insisting that it be used to provide employment.

“We are now pleased to have this position vindicated, thanks to the investment in Banbury by DCS and the work of our officers.”

The DCS manufacturing base will remain in Stratford-upon-Avon.

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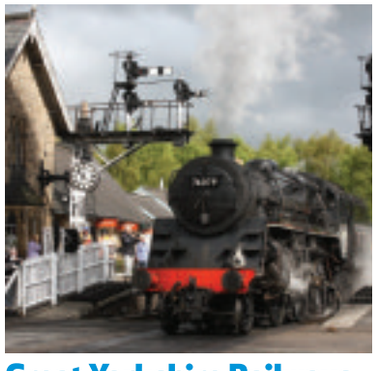

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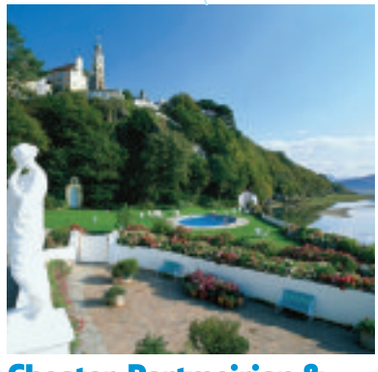

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T2 TRAINSPOTTING **(18, 117 mins) Drama/Comedy/Romance. Ewan McGregor, Ewen Bremner, Robert Carlyle, Jonny Lee Miller, Anjela Nedyalkova, Scot Greenan. Director: Danny Boyle**

CHOOSE life with nae regrets. Choose to belatedly revisit one of the defining films of the mid-1990s, which shoved a dirty needle into the arm of Cool Britannia and stuck up two fingers to the notion that successful homegrown films could only be pristine period dramas or feel-good romantic comedies.

Choose the holy filmmaking trinity of director Danny Boyle, screenwriter John Hodge and producer Andrew Macdonald, who induced that intoxicating rush of blood to the head 21 years ago.

Choose a narrative joint rolled from Irvine Welsh's novel *Trainspotting* and the sequel *Porno*, cut with whirling camerawork that propels embittered characters down a new rabbit hole of nihilistic desire.

Choose the reunion of a predominantly Scottish cast on location in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Choose vivid visual flourishes, projections, shadows and hallucinogenic flashbacks to realise each surrender to the siren song of addiction.

Choose another achingly hip and unabashedly retro soundtrack under the influence of award-winning Edinburgh band Young Fathers, Wolf Alice, Underworld and Frankie Goes To Hollywood.

Choose a flabby-bellied two hours rather than a lean 93 minutes of the original to follow Mark Renton (Ewan McGregor) as he returns home to beg forgiveness from Spud (Ewen Bremner).

Choose revenge, the poison coursing through the veins of reluctant publican Sick Boy (Jonny Lee Miller) when he discovers Renton is back in town.

Choose seething rage, which drips from the tongue of psychotic jailbird Begbie (Robert Carlyle) as he finally glimpses life without bars.

Choose a detour to the familiar breathtaking vista of Corrour rail station, framed by the rounded hill of Beinn na Lap, to pay tribute to those left behind.

Choose flashes of brilliance – a darkly humorous explosion of bodily fluids, a funding pitch that describes a sauna as "an artisanal bed and breakfast experience" – punctuated by cute visual nods to the first film.

Choose Spud as the trembling, emotional core, willing him to succeed as he struggles to sever ties to heroin and discover self-worth.

Choose the sinking realisation that the giddy high of the first time you watched *Trainspotting* – that breathless sprint down Princes Street to Iggy Pop's Lust For Life, the headfirst plunge into the worst toilet in Scotland, the needle drop of Underworld's Born Slippy – isn't going to be replicated.

Choose to stop being a tourist in the rose-tinted glow of that glorious past that became a cultural phenomenon.

Choose *T2 Trainspotting*, with reservation.

HACKSAW RIDGE **(15, 139 mins) War/Action/Drama/Romance. Andrew Garfield, Teresa Palmer, Vince Vaughn, Luke Bracey, Hugo Weaving, Rachel Griffiths, Sam Worthington, Richard Roxburgh, Nathaniel Buzolic. Director: Mel Gibson**

DIRECTOR Mel Gibson returns, all guns blazing, with a riveting wartime drama based on the true story of Desmond Doss, who served with valour during the Second World War without having to fire a single bullet.

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In Doss' extraordinary case, he ran into a hail of Japanese bullets in May 1945 at the Battle of Okinawa, without a weapon to return fire, and risked his life to rescue injured soldiers from the blood-soaked battleground.

In an era of questionable morality, when principles are repeatedly compromised for the sake of selfish gain, one man's inspirational journey of righteous self-sacrifice is an invigorating tonic.

Gibson directs with verve, orchestrating hellish battle scenes.

Ewen Bremner as Daniel 'Spud' Murphy, Ewan McGregor as Mark 'Rent Boy' Renton, Jonny Lee Miller as Simon 'Sick Boy' Williamson and Robert Carlyle as Francis 'Franco' Begbie in T2 Trainspotting; inset, Andrew Garfield as Desmond T. Doss in Hacksaw Ridge

Cake Bookworm

The Nix **by Nathan Hill is published in hardback by Picador, priced £16.99 (ebook £9.49)**

At its heart, the hotly-tipped debut from Nathan Hill is the story of an estranged mother and son. Small-town English professor Samuel hasn't seen his mother, the irritatingly-monikered Faye Andresen-Anderson, since her meticulously-planned walk-out on the family when he was 11. Fast forward 20 years and Samuel is now an English professor at a small-town university. He spends his days obsessing about his childhood sweetheart, playing online video games and, in short, doing anything he can to avoid writing a single word of the novel he earned a megabucks advance for 10 years previously. But when his now left-wing radical mother is caught up in a scandal involving throwing rocks at a leading political figure, her lawyer begs Samuel to attest to her character. As luck would have it, this request coincides with his publisher's threatening to sue if he doesn't produce the novel. The temptation to investigate his mother's story and turn it into a book proves irresistible. This is an astonishingly ambitious novel, taking in everything from the 1968 Chicago protests to the Occupy Wall Street movement, from 1980s suburbia to 1940s Norway. It might sound like a heavy read, but Hill has a lightness of touch and a sly observational style that makes for a compelling narrative.

White Lies And Wishes **by Cathy Bramley is published in paperback by Corgi, priced £7.99 (ebook £3.99)**

Cathy Bramley has done it again. The author of *The Plumberry School Of Comfort Food* has returned with a light, but inspirational tale. It takes no time at all to get attached to the three lead characters: Jo, Sarah and Carrie. The trio are thrown together by fate when they meet at a funeral. Wanting more from their lives, they set goals: Jo to save her business, Sarah to be partner at her firm and Carrie to get a bikini body. It's obvious there is much more to these women. Jo is a workaholic, brought up to believe love and business don't mix, and Sarah cut short her maternity leave to return to work, leaving baby Zac at home. On the surface, Carrie wants to lose weight, but underneath she is a tangled mess of emotions. Then things get worse as Sarah's baby Zac is hospitalised and Carrie catches her husband with another woman. At each event, I could feel my heart break for these women, and my stomach flipped as I felt Carrie's anguish. This is where Bramley excels, her talent lies in crafting characters you feel could be your friend and giving them struggles and the opportunity to grow on the page. This book, a joyous thing to read.

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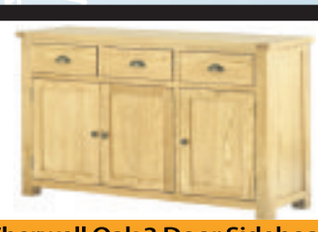

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Grove RFC Girls' Rugby: Grove RFC, Recreation Lane, Grove. Contact rugby union for girls aged 11-18 in three age groups. 7pm. Annual membership £85 after three free sessions. 07970 292322.
The Corruption of Parliament? Museum of Oxford, Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford. Join historian Tom Crook to find out more about the difficult relations between money, MPs and public service in modern Britain. Dr Tom Crook is Lecturer in Modern British History at Oxford Brookes University. 6pm. Free. 01865252334.
Wedding Fair: The Great Barn, Upper Aynho Grounds, Aynho. 6pm. Free. 01869 810823.

FRIDAY

Conservation of Paintings: The Library, Main Road, Middleton Cheney. Illustrated talk by Ruth Edwards. 7.30pm. £6. 01295 712949.
Crochet for beginners: Hobbycraft, Lamarsh Road, Oxford. 5pm. £5. 01865 364881.
The Psychic Project: The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford. A mind-reading show based on the true story of the Cold War's psychic spies. 7.30pm. £10, £8. 01865 263990.
Witney Bytomic Taekwondo Classes: Wood Green School, Woodstock Road, Witney. 7pm. Monthly fees apply. 01844 281888.

SATURDAY

Antique & Collectors Market: Kidlington Methodist Church, Oxford Road, Kidlington. 10am. Free. 01865 371494.
Bicester & Kidlington Ramblers: Car park opposite The Swan Public House, Islip. A leisurely seven-mile walk via Gisford and Water Eaton Manor. 10am. Free. 07751 196132.
Burns Night Supper: All Saints' Youth & Community Hall, Roman Place, off Foxhall Road, Didcot. Haggis, neeps & tatties, readings, toasts, responses and Auld Lang Syne. Smart/casual but traditional dress encouraged. 7pm. £12. 01235 212575.
Duckington Crafty Cake Club: Ducklington Village Hall, Standlake Road, Ducklington. Demonstration of how to make a Corina Koufa flower in sugar to decorate cakes. 2pm. Memberships available, visitors £5. 01993 705508.
Family Fun Day: Willowbrook Leisure Centre, Bowmont Water, off Avon Way, Didcot. Supporting Oxford Children's Hospital. Spinathon, bouncy castle, obstacle and slide, bubble football, tug of war, raffle, street dance, ballet and gymnastics. 10am. Free. Donations for charity. 01235 812058.
Grand Jumble Sale: Village Hall, High Street, Wootton by Woodstock. 3pm. 20p. 01993 812424.
Jumble Sale Extra: Cumnor Village Hall, Leys Road, Cumnor. 2pm. 50p. 01865 327819.
National Art and Design Saturday Club: Banbury and Bicester College, Broughton Road, Oxford. Free programme for 14-16 year olds. 10am. 0808 168 6626.
Stargazing Oxford 2017: Dennis Wilkinson Building, Department of Physics, University of Oxford, Keble Road, Oxford. Space-themed festival style event. Lots to see and do including hands-on activities, talks, planetarium show, and night sky observing with local amateur astronomers. 2pm. Free. 01865 282447.
Winter Ceilidh (Barn Dance): Grove Village Hall, Main Street, Grove. The Night Before and caller Jen Morgan. The Moonrakers will perform during half time. 8pm. £7 adults, £3.50 u16s. 07855 548512.

SUNDAY

Bicester & Kidlington Ramblers: Skimmingdish Lane, Fringford. A leisurely five-mile walk around Caversfield and Fringford. 1.30pm. Free. 07730 463432.
Bytomic Taekwondo Classes: Brookside Primary School, Bucknell Road, Bicester. 5pm. 01844 281 888.
Crochet for beginners: Hobbycraft, Lamarsh Road, Oxford. 3pm. £5. 01865 364881.
Oxford roller derby charity game for Mind: Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre, Pegasus Road, Blackbird Leys. 10.30am. £7 advance tickets, £9 on the door.
Spiritual Healing – The Health of the Future: North Oxford Association Community Centre, Annexe Room, Diamond Place, Summertown. A lecture about spiritual healing and help through the teaching of Bruno Groening. Speaker Sylke Wagner-Burkard. 11.30am. Free.

MONDAY

Bingo: The Seacourt Bridge, West Way, Botley. 2pm. £3. 01865 243636.
Beginner korfball sessions: Rye St Antony School, Franklin Road, Headington. Korfball is a unique mixed team sport with similarities to basketball, netball and handball. 6.30pm. Free (first four sessions).
Masons Apron Northwest Morris: Recreation Hall, Main Street, Long Hanborough. Masons Apron Ladies Northwest Morris winter practice season. 8.15pm. £5 annual fee plus £2 per week. 01993 200717.
Women's Self Defence and Fitness Class: The Pavilion, Roosevelt Road, Long Hanborough. Ages from 13 upwards welcome. 8pm. £5. 07834 022463.
Yoga Class: The Clifton Centre, Ashdene Road, Bicester. 9.30am. 07917 453224.

TUESDAY

Aphasia drop-in session: North Oxford Association Community Centre (NOA), Diamond Place, Summertown, Oxford. Aphasia is a communication disability usually occurring after stroke or brain injury. Meet others over a cup of coffee or tea. The group is run by people who have communication disabilities. Carers, relatives and friends are welcome to attend. 2:30pm. Free. 01865 604329.
Bicester & Kidlington Ramblers: Hensington Road car park, Woodstock. A moderately strenuous 10-mile walk via Wootton, Blenheim Park and Coombe. Please bring a picnic lunch. 10am. Free. 07939 826412.
Kidlington & District Historical Society: The Willow Tree Restaurant, Moorside Place, The Moors, Kidlington. A talk by Deborah Hayter entitled 'Lost Villages of Oxfordshire'. 7.50pm. £3.50 for visitors with under 26's 50p. 01865 375758.
Mammals in Oxfordshire: St Aldate's Room, Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford. A talk about the mammals living wild in Oxfordshire by Merryl Gelling, chair of the Oxfordshire Mammals Group with time for questions afterwards. 7pm. Free but optional donation. 01865 820522.
Tea Dance: Woodstock Social Club, 44 Oxford Street, Woodstock. 2pm. £2. 01993 811473.
Teaching in the Independent Sector: Magdalen College School, Cowley Place, Oxford. An event organised by Magdalen College School, St Helen & St Katharine and Headington School in association with the University of Oxford Careers Service. Find your route into teaching in this unique and rewarding area, with speakers, networking and more. Visit www.mcsoxford.org/teaching-in-the-independent-sector. 5.15pm. Free.
The Big Lunchtime Sing: Museum of Oxford, Oxford Town Hall St. Aldates, Oxford. Fun singing sessions for everyone. No experience required, no need to read music, everything is taught by ear. 12.30pm. £5. 01865 252334.
Yoga Class: The Clifton Centre, Ashdene Road, Bicester. 6.15pm. 07917 453224.
Yoga for those who think they can't do yoga: Methodist Church, West Street, Chipping Norton. 7.30pm. £12 per class. 01993 831032.

WEDNESDAY

Grove RFC Ladies Rugby: Grove RFC, Recreation Lane, Grove. 7pm. Annual membership £70 after three free sessions. 07970292322.
Oxfordshire's Military Heritage – From Roman Times to Present day: The Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock. With Stephen Barker. 7.30pm. Free to members, £2 guests.
Read and Relax: St Ethelwold's House, East St Helen Street, Abingdon. Books to borrow, books to swap, books to recommend. 1pm. Free. 07964 433720.
Witney Bytomic Taekwondo Classes: Wood Green School, Woodstock Road, Witney. 7pm. Monthly fees apply. 01844 281888.

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Music

THURSDAY

The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Hope & Social. £11 advance, £13 on the door. 8pm.
The Library Pub, 182 Cowley Road, Oxford: Blue House, Deerful, Rainbow Reservoir. Indie pop. 7pm. £7.
The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford: Jonny Payne & the Thunder, Chris Barker, Jordan O'Shea & The Friday Night Film Club. Blues from former Deer Chicago frontman. 7pm. £5.
Joe's Bar & Grill, 260 Banbury Road, Oxford: The Oxford Beatles. Fab four covers band. 8pm. Free.
The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Temper Cartel, Easter Island Statues, Filth, Self Help. Alt & indie rock. 7pm. £7.
The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Tim Whitehead. The Spin Jazz Club. Jazz saxophonist accompanied by The Spin Trio. 8.30pm. £10, £8 (conc), £6 (student).

FRIDAY

Carterton Social Centre, Brownes Lane, Carterton: Country & Western Dance with Centrefield. £6. 8.30pm. 01993 850682.
Jacqueline du Pré Music Building, St Hilda's College, Oxford: M@SH Marathon. A survey of experimental, minimal electronic music, sonic art and video created by composers and artists from the UK and abroad. With the St Anne's Camerata. £5 on the door. 6.30pm. 01865 286660.
The Northcourt, Northcourt Road, Abingdon: Mr Clean – Sounds of The Jam. £10 advance & £12 door. 7.30pm. 01235 203203.
The Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford: 31hours, Sleepers' Dome, Self Help and Daisy. £3. 7.30pm. 07531 556336.
The White House, Abingdon Road, Oxford: Oxford Folk Club open night. £2. 8.30pm. 01865 768128.
Wesley Memorial Church, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford: Moonrakers. £10. 7.30pm. 01865 305305.
The Mad Hatter, 43 Iffley Road, Oxford: David Bowie Tribute Night. Local artists commemorate the music legend. 8pm.
James Street Tavern, 47-48 James Street, Oxford: The Missing Persians with Tom Ivey Band. Album launch. 8.30pm. Free.

SATURDAY

Headington Conservative Club, Windmill Road, Headington: Country & Western with Redwing. £5. 8.30pm. 01865 439400.
St Andrews Church, Linton Road, Oxford: St Giles Orchestra concert. Glazunov Poeme Lyrique. Adults £10, concessions £9, under18s free. 7.30pm. 01869 346269.
St Michael at the North Gate, Cornmarket Street, Oxford: Reading Phoenix Choir – Crucifixus – Celebrating 350 years since the brith of Antonio Lotti. £10 (£5 for under 16s), available on the door. 7.30pm.
The Queen's College, High Street, Oxford: The Eglesfield Musical Society Saturday Recital Series. Vocal recital with piano accompaniment, Antonida Kocharova. Admission is free with a retiring collection. 1.30pm. 01865 279120.
The Swan Inn, Shipton Road, Ascott-under-Wychwood: Duotone. Wychwood Folk Club. £8 in advance, £10 on the door. 8pm. 01993 831427.
The Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford: Holy Moments, Le Pub, Freddy le Cragg. £4.50, cheaper advance. 8.20pm. 01865 395327.
Albion Beatnik Bookstore, 34 Walton Street, Oxford: Chris Long, Paula Evans, Seeing 2 Sound. Musician presents premiere of 'The Rule of My Life' (settings of poems by Giacinto Scelsi). 7.45pm.
Cricketers Arms, 102 Temple Road, Oxford: Doghouse Band. Rock and blues covers. 8pm. Free.
The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford: Hudson Scott, Catgod, Coldredlight. Indie funk, electro jazz and blues. 7pm. £7.
The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury: Los Endos: The Seconds Out Tour. Genesis tribute act. 7.30pm. £17.
Fusion Arts, East Oxford Community Centre, Princes Street, Oxford: Lucy Leave, Schande, Salvation Bill. Indie punk-pop. 8pm. Suggested donation £3-£5.

SUNDAY

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: C Duncan. Scottish singer-songwriter. 7.30pm. £10 (adv).
Florence Park Community Centre, Cornwallis Road, Oxford: Catgod, Time Is Of The Essence. Family-friendly session with local electro-pop ensemble and jazz band. 2pm-5pm. £5.
Oxford Wine Café, 38 South Parade, Summertown: Jamie Brownfield (trumpet, guitar & bass). 6.30-9pm. Free.
The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford: Superloose, Mojo Demon, Purple May, Glendale Train and Jules Penzo. 3.30-8.30pm. Free.

TUESDAY

Gladiators Hall, Junction Iffley Road/Percy Street, Oxford: Eastside Rhythm Kings. New Orleans/Dixieland jazz, 8-10.30 pm.

WEDNESDAY

The Queen's College, Chapel, High Street, Oxford: Organ Recital Series. Peter Gould. Admission is free with a retiring collection. 1.10pm. 01865 279125.
White Hart Pub, 126 Godstow Road, Oxford: Trish Elphinstone Quintet with Frank Williams. £3 voluntary donations. 8.45pm. 07796 988722.

Theatre

OXFORD

The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford: Jan 28, Mike Gunn, Steve Williams, Rhys James. Glee comedy. 7pm. £15.95, £10 (student).
Burton Taylor Studio, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Until Jan 28, *Stop.* 7.30pm. £5. Jan 31-Feb 4, *Two-Way Mirror.* By Arthur Miller. 7.30pm. £5. 01865 305305.
The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford: Jan 28, The Anti-Slam. 7.30pm. £10, £9. 01865 263990.
Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Jan 26, *Edward II.* 2.30pm. £11.50-£19. Jan 30-Feb 2, Stewart Lee. 7.30pm. £23. 01865 305305.
New Theatre, George Street, Oxford: Until Jan 26, *Lord of the Dance – Dangerous Games.* 8pm. £42.65-£45.15 plus £4 transaction fee. 0844 871 7615.
The North Wall Arts Centre, South Parade, Summertown: Jan 26, *Beyond The Water's Edge.* Midland Creative Projects take the words of the world's poets and present them on stage with live music to create a celebration of our lives in all their forms. 7.30pm. £12 (concession £10). 01865 319450.
The Story Museum, 42 Pembroke Street, Oxford: Jan 28, *The Adventures Of Book Worm.* Emma Boor leads an interactive puppets and play session. 10.30am. £4 per person. 01865 790050.

COUNTY

Chipping Norton Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton: Jan 28, *Brrr!* The touching tale of Steve, an Antartic Penguin who doesn't much like the cold. Suitable for ages 3+. 2.30pm. £8.50. 01608 642350.
Corn Exchange, Market Place, Wallingford: Until Jan 28, *The Pied Piper.* Wallingford's annual pantomime. 7pm, matinees on Saturdays. £12/£10/£6. 01491 825000.
Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot: Jan 27-28, *Jack and the Beanstalk.* 7.30pm. Didcot Phoenix Drama Group's 33rd annual pantomime. Friday 7.30pm and Saturday 10.30am, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. www.didcotphoenixdrama.co.uk. £8/£5.
Faringdon Junior School, Gloucester Street, Faringdon: Jan 28-29, Feb 3-4, *Arthur's Adventure.* Faringdon Dramatic Society. 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Adults £8, under 16s £6.
Unicorn Theatre, Thames Street, Abingdon: Until Jan 28, *Much Ado About Nothing.* 7.30pm. £10 (£9 o/65, u/16). 01865 778105.
Witney Lakes Resort, Downs Road, Witney: Jan 28, Murder Mystery Dinner – *Pizza, Passion & Pasta.* 6.45pm. £30. 07540 854171.
Wolvercote Village Hall, Wolvercote Green, Wolvercote: Until Jan 28, *The Wizard of Oz.* North Oxford Youth Theatre. 7.30pm. £6 Tues; £7 Wed and Thurs; £8 Fri. (Sat sold out). 01865 848816.

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Conor heats up play-off charge

McDonagh's double sends Puritans up into top-five

TWO goals from Conor McDonagh took Banbury United into the Premier Division play-off places as they came from behind to win 2-1 at home to St Neots on Saturday.

In one of the few Evo-Stik Southern League games to survive the freezing conditions, the Puritans fell behind, but McDonagh struck either side of half-time to lift Mike Ford's side to fifth place and extend their unbeaten run to nine games.

Against the run of play, St Neots took the lead through Jevani Brown in the 22nd minute.

The hosts equalised three minutes before the interval when Mark Bell found McDonagh, who finished past Alex Archer.

FOOTBALL

Two minutes into the second half, McDonagh converted James Smith's cross to make it 2-1.

The striker almost claimed a hat-trick, but he fired over after collecting a neat reverse pass by substitute Zac McEachran

Banbury had to defend well to preserve their lead, but did so without undue alarm.

It sealed a return to the top-five, which they had missed out on with a 2-2 draw at Weymouth four days' earlier, when McDonagh and Jack Self were on target.

Banbury Utd: Harding, Westbrook, Gunn, Nash, Carnell, Odhiambo (Humphreys 64), White, Bell (McEachran HT), McDonagh, Smith (Asiedu Ofosu 66), Martin. Subs not used: Blackstock, Self.
Attendance: 427.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division (up to January 21)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leamington	29	18	7	4	50	17	61
Chippenham Tn	30	17	9	4	62	38	60
Hitchin Tn	29	17	7	5	49	26	58
Merthyr Tn	29	15	10	4	57	24	55
Banbury Utd	**30**	**16**	**6**	**8**	**48**	**26**	**54**
Slough Tn	27	16	4	7	46	29	52
Frome Tn	30	14	9	7	55	41	51
Chesham Utd	26	14	7	5	48	24	49
Biggleswade Tn	29	12	9	8	52	39	45
Kettering Tn	29	12	7	10	52	41	43
Redditch Utd	31	12	7	12	42	52	43
St Ives Tn	30	11	7	12	34	47	40
Dunstable Tn	29	12	3	14	32	36	39
Weymouth	28	9	11	8	46	34	38
Stratford Tn	30	7	14	9	43	45	35
King's Lynn Tn	28	8	11	9	38	45	35
Basingstoke Tn	29	10	5	14	34	43	35
Kings Langley	31	8	8	15	43	53	32
Dorchester Tn	30	8	8	14	38	50	32
St Neots Tn	29	7	4	18	38	71	25
Cirencester Tn	31	6	6	19	35	71	24
Hayes & Yeading	27	5	7	15	26	51	22
Cambridge City	29	4	8	17	26	50	20
Cinderford Tn	28	3	2	23	29	70	11

Conor McDonagh celebrates the first of his two goals Picture: Steve Wheeler

Bulls given the Blues as run ends

RUGBY UNION

BANBURY'S eight-game unbeaten run came to an end with a 31-7 loss at third-placed Newbury Blues.

The visitors' fine form had seen them climb to fourth in South West 1 East, but the Berkshire outfit proved too strong.

However, Bulls remain in the top four after postponements elsewhere.

They started the game strongly, but Ed Phillips's early penalty attempt struck an upright.

Banbury maintained the pressure, though, and Freddie Cracknell crossed.

Phillips added the extras.

Banbury continued to attack, but the hosts scored an interception try to level.

The visitors did have a chance to retake the lead, only for Phillips to miss his penalty attempt.

Banbury struggled after the break, while Newbury cranked up the pressure and added four tries.

STARS with Claire Petulengro

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ARIES Mar 21-Apr 19
The key to a successful week is taking what is said to you with a pinch of salt. A sense of humour will be a useful tool, especially when dealing with those who are younger than you are. Try not to be influenced in business by someone who may be more experienced, but not as wise as you are. Ring now so I can show you why this is such an exciting year for work and relationships.
0906 585 4360

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20
A flirtatious feel to your chart could see you getting yourself into all sorts of precarious positions. Know how far is too far to go and make sure you don't lead people on with plans and ideas you have no intention of seeing through. If you tell it like it is, then you will get the respect that is so important to a sign such as you. Ring now so I can talk you through the games Mercury is trying to play.
0906 585 4361

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20
The Sun brings you newfound energy and you no longer worry about the little things in life. Instead, you concentrate on what can be done and enjoyed. A blast from the past makes you think back to a time gone by, but will it lead you to make a series of phone calls this week? Think carefully before you do! Ring now to hear how Mars promises a reunion of sorts in the family too.
0906 585 4362

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22
There is a more creative feel to your chart which could see you trying your hand at all sorts of new things. Try to be gentle with the older generation who are likely to be going through more than you realise. An open ear will do much to improve their confidence and to sooth their paranoia. Cancelled trips make way for better plans. Ring now for an important message from the planet Jupiter.
0906 585 4363

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22
I know you want justice for something which went wrong, but it would be far better for you to wait and bide your time. You are about to learn that others are willing to take responsibility for their actions and that you were in the right. To push too soon could see you ending up the scapegoat. Ring now to hear why this is such a lucky week for first dates and meetings.
0906 585 4364

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22
Our close ones surprise us this week with announcements about changes they desire. Hang on in there Virgo, as many of the signs are talking for the sake of it. It will be February before we are able to separate fact from fiction. Going over facts and figures on Monday and Friday can save you a small fortune. Ring now to hear why you must not be afraid of legal links.
0906 585 4365

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22
The Moon makes for a really emotional weekend where you may find it hard to know whose words you can trust and who is taking you for a fool. Travel plans you have prove exciting and it would be worth your while thinking about extending any trips or making them of a personal as well as a professional nature. Ring now so we can deal with the personal issue which has been on your mind.
0906 585 4366

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21
Those you work with have made it hard for you to tell the truth. There is an air of secrecy about your chart which could have seen you telling white lies which you now regret. Time spent planning your next move for February is time well spent. Know this and work on what you want to happen. Not just what others are pushing for. Ring now so I can bring out your best attributes.
0906 585 4367

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21
You're feeling more sensitive than you'd like to and this can be a good thing. You see Sagittarius, it gives you the opportunity to explore the feelings you have been pushing to one side. Allow yourself to feel your way through this week. It's the key to you making the right choices for your future. Ring now to hear why I know 2017 will be the year of your biggest commitments yet.
0906 585 4368

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19
You have said and done some things you are not happy about. Those concerned have moved on and so should you Capricorn. Eyes forward must be your mantra from here on in my friend. It is the only way you'll get to see the several new and very lucrative offers which Jupiter is bringing your way this week. Ring now to hear how the written word can secure you great deals in February.
0906 585 4369

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18
Is a close one really grating on you, or could it be that you just need a little time and space to remember who you are and what is important to you? Try to make time for a break so that you can step back and look at the bigger picture. You'll soon see that what you thought was serious, no longer is. Geminis link to intriguing social invites. Ring now so we can talk about the many choices in front of you.
0906 585 4370

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20
A dry sense of humour Mars has placed over you is making it difficult for you to know if you are making friends or foes. Know how far is too far to go or you could end up offending those you have only just made up with. A new friend in the workplace can do much for your career, but know when and how to keep business and personal separate. Ring now so I can explain in detail.
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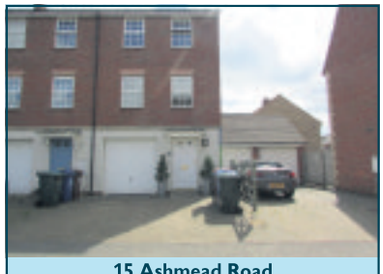

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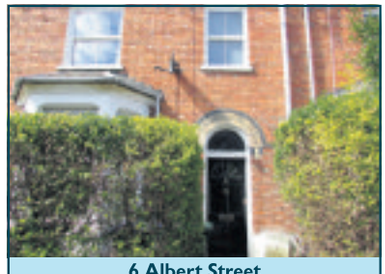

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There's nothing quite like a Land Rover Discovery and a 2014 model year package of final improvements for the fourth generation version cemented its position as the most practical and capable choice in the large SUV sector. These updates added extra high-tech equipment, a whole raft of subtle cosmetic updates and a greater emphasis on improved efficiency and lower emissions. The result was an even more compelling multi-purpose proposition that makes eminent sense as a used market buy in this segment.

The History

Without the Discovery model, it's doubtful whether the Land Rover brand would even exist today. Launched back in 1989, the original version merely bolted more spacious bodywork onto an aging Range Rover chassis but the sales it generated were enough to save the company. They also financed a more sophisticated five cylinder air suspended model in 1998 at the same time as the company's engineers were busily beavering away at something much better, the design that ultimately became the improved fourth generation version we're looking at here.

This car traces its parentage back to the third generation Discovery3 of 2004, a design vastly superior to anything that had gone before. Until that point, family SUVs had either been very good off road or very good on it. Thanks to its double chassis and air suspended 'Integrated Body Frame' technology, this car could be both and customers loved it. Sadly, there was less sophistication beneath the bonnet and in terms of the variants on offer, customers ended up having to choose between thirsty or slow.

Hence the need for the fourth generation Discovery4 model we first saw in 2009. That car at last had a properly performing diesel engine – a 3.0-litre TDV6 unit, quickly further refined and re-badged as an 'SDV6' powerplant. But its heavy underpinnings put it at a disadvantage to more modern German rivals. Some of these Land Rover was able to take on with the second generation Range Rover Sport model launched in mid-2013, but lower-order Mercedes, BMW and Audi SUVs all still needed a competitive Discovery model to keep them honest: this final version of the fourth generation design provided just that. Launched in the Autumn of 2013, it was now known merely as the 'Discovery' and offered buyers greater efficiency, higher-tech equipment and slightly smarter looks. It sold until an all-new fifth generation Discovery model was launched early in 2017.

What To Look For

The Discovery used to have a distinctly second rate reliability record, but throughout its life, the Disco 4 improved things by leaps and bounds and by the time of this post-2014-era model's introduction, most faults had been pretty effectively ironed out. Check if a tow bar has been fitted and also check the tyres for odd wear patterns. Although the Discovery is very capable off road, there are limits to its ground clearance, so inspect the underside for signs of damage to the suspension, exhaust and front valance. The diesel engine is a tough unit and if you're test driving the car on a cold day, don't be worried if the Stop/Start system fails to kick in. The engine is programmed to keep running at temperatures below three degrees Celsius.

Our ownership survey revealed a mostly very satisfied band of customers though inevitably, there were a few issues. One owner had had problems with the instrument display putting up erroneous requests for service appointments and an incorrect 'diesel particulate filter full' warning. Another had had a solenoid fault, while one buyer encountered a problem with an inlet valve n the turbo sticking open. Don't believe misleading reports suggesting that things like brake discs, brake pads and wiper blades wear quickly: they're actually pretty durable.

On The Road

There's still something very special about a place behind the wheel of a Discovery, the characteristically high driving position giving you a great view out over the vast square bonnet. In contrast to more car-like rivals, it's not a cockpit-like experience with all the controls angled towards you as they would be in, say a Range Rover Sport. No, this is different - a place of command: a place to do business with the elements, be they the snake-infested swamps of the rainy season in the Serengeti or the snarled-up traffic of a wet windy morning on the school run.

View the car from this perspective and you're less likely to wonder why you can't throw it about with abandon and more likely to simply settle back and enjoy the class-less way it cruises through the urban landscape. It's around 500kgs heavier than its most obvious German rivals thanks to the 'Integrated Body Frame' double chassis underpinnings – which is an awful lot more bulk to carry around. Having said that, the standard air suspension still manages the car's mass and height with impressive precision. Yes it wallows a little through the corners if you're really pushing on and ultimately, the limiting factor is grip but it's fine for its intended market without ever feeling sporty enough to impinge on Range Rover territory.

Overall

There's a clever, classless feel about it that nothing else from this period can quite replicate. Other rival SUVs claim to be tough but at the wheel, you're always a little hesitant to see them prove that. A Discovery's different, with a sheer depth of capability that's constantly tempting you into finding reasons to test it – to enjoy what it can do. Potholed tracks no longer need to tackled at a snail's pace, the softest roadside verges become viable turning opportunities and any muddy bank cries out to be driven down and up again, just for the heck of it. In contrast, some other sportier large SUVs can feel, well, rather silly. But then, this is a different way to go in this segment. A uniquely capable car of its kind and a British success story that we should be proud of.

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Viva 1.0 SE on the road price £8,965 – Eden Offer Price £8,035 - Customer Deposit £99 - Total amount of credit £7,936 – 48 monthly payments of £99 – Optional final payment £3,184 - Representative APR 0% - total amount payable £8,035 - based on 6,000 miles per year. Corsa Energy on the road price £12,945 – Eden Offer Price £10,236 - Customer Deposit £99 - Total amount of credit £10,137 – 48 monthly payments of £139 – Optional final payment £3,465 - Representative APR 0% - total amount payable £10,236 - based on 6,000 miles per year. Astra Hatchback 1.4i 16V SRi on the road price £18,515 – Eden Offer Price £15,614 - Customer Deposit £99 - Total amount of credit £15,515 – 48 monthly payments of £199 – Optional final payment £5,963 - Representative APR 0% - total amount payable £15,614 - based on 6,000 miles per year. Pre-registered 2016 Corsa Sting - Eden Offer Price £6,999 with a minimum part exchange of £1,000 - Customer Deposit £0 – Total amount of credit £6,999 - 48 monthly payments of £117.16 - Optional final payment £3,415 - Representative APR 9.9% - total amount payable £10,440 based on 6,000 miles per year. 2014 Corsa SXi – Eden Offer Price £7,259 - Customer Deposit £119 - Total amount of credit £7,140 – 60 monthly payments of £119 - Representative APR 0% - total amount payable £7,395 on a hire purchase agreement. 2014 Astra SRi 1.4 – Eden Offer Price £13,398 - Customer Deposit £99 - Total amount of credit £13,299 – 48 monthly payments of £169 - Representative APR 0% - total amount payable £13,398 on a personal contract purchase agreement based on 6,000 miles per year. 2015 Insignia SRi – Eden Offer Price £10,919 - Customer Deposit £179 - Total amount of credit £10,740 – 60 monthly payments of £179 - Representative APR 0% - total amount payable £10,919 on a hire purchase agreement. 2013 Zafira Tourer (Diesel Exclusiv) – Eden Offer Price £10,309 - Customer Deposit £169 - Total amount of credit £10,140 – 60 monthly payments of £169 - Representative APR 0% - total amount payable £10,309 on a hire purchase agreement. Finance for the above listed vehicles by Black Horse Finance St William House Tresillian Terrace Cardiff CF10 5BH. Adam 1.2 Jam and Mokka X 1.6i Active offered on a 3.7% APR representative Personal Contract Plan. Finance provided by GMAC UK plc, P.O. Box 6666, Cardiff, CF15 7YT. Adam 1.2 Jam on the road price £12,420 – Eden Offer Price £10,080 - Customer Deposit £99 - Total amount of credit £9,981 – 47 monthly payments of £159 – Optional final payment £3,436 - total amount payable £12,668.42 based on 5,000 miles per year (this finance example includes the Final Deposit Allowance of £1,600 in addition to the Eden Offer Price). Mokka X 1.6i Active on the road price £19,705 – Eden Offer Price £14,700 - Customer Deposit £99 - Total amount of credit £14,601 – 47 monthly payments of £219 – Optional final payment £5,760 - Representative APR 3.7% - total amount payable £18,596.18 based on 5,000 miles per year (this example includes the Final Deposit Allowance of £2,400 in addition to the Eden Offer Price). These promotions are available on the above models and is available on Eden Vauxhall stock only. Images displayed intended for demonstration purposes only. Finance is subject to status, terms and conditions apply. Applicant must be 18 years or over. These offers supersedes any other offer and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. For further details, please contact your local Eden branch.

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